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Vermont State Employees:

As you know, Tropical Storm Irene resulted in the displacement of hundreds of State employees who have been in temporary locations around the State ever since. A plan is formulated that will result in agencies and departments relocating to new and/or different space at the National Life Building in Montpelier.

To provide space for this move the State will maintain full occupancy of the North Building, lease additional space in the Main Building on levels 1 and 2 and the Records Building across the parking lot. The Agency of Natural Resources will be relocated to National Life. To accommodate consolidating the Agency of Natural Resources, we will be moving and adjusting space for the existing agencies and departments currently located at National Life.

The State will take advantage of this opportunity to upgrade work space for all State occupants of National Life through the development of space that lends itself to a healthier, more comfortable and more efficient work environment. The redesign of space will be premised on more natural light and better air flow facilitated by a more open floor plan and fewer private offices. Private space and meeting space will be available for all who need it.

The Department of Buildings and General Services wants everyone to have input into this process and I urge you to tour this web site. Project Design updates, general information, and Project Resource information are available. I also want to encourage you to engage with BGS Project Manager, Change Manager, and your managers and co-workers in a productive discussion of what will work for your team. We all want the highest level of employee satisfaction and performance that we can achieve

Change is challenging, but can also be rewarding. The State of Vermont values the great work you do. Please help make this National Life renovation and relocation a positive one for all employees and Vermont taxpayers.

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